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**Re: Emergency Drought Permit G4-32969**

In accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B.405, on March 14, 2001, it was ordered and determined by the Director of the Department of Ecology that the State of Washington is under drought conditions. In accordance with the provisions of WAC 176-166-060, the Department of Ecology is under the terms of this Order, issuing an **EMERGENCY DROUGHT PERMIT**. The intent of this authorization is to alleviate hardships and reduce the burdens on water users arising from the drought conditions.

**THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL IN NO MANNER BE CONSTRUED TO GUARANTEE OR IMPLY THAT A FINAL (REGULAR) PERMIT WILL ISSUE FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE WATER USE HEREIN AUTHORIZED.**

The Department of Ecology has agreed to fund the cost of the mitigation or offsets for the impacts associated with the drought emergency authorizations. Ecology is attempting to meet the essential irrigation needs of farmers growing orchard crops, grapes and hops where the loss of irrigation water would permanently damage trees and vines. Essential needs have been defined as 75% to 80% of a usual irrigation water duty delivered by the irrigation districts.

This authorization is conditioned by the following provisions and limitations:

This authorization is for an existing well located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, T. 12 N., R. 20 E.W.M.

Water is to be used for supplemental irrigation of 44 acres from May 1 to October 31, 2001. The place of use is described as follows:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, T. 12 N., R. 20 E. W. M., Yakima County.

And the N  $\frac{1}{2}$  N  $\frac{1}{2}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, T. 12 N., R. 20 E. W. M., Yakima County.

The instantaneous quantity of water to be withdrawn is limited to 250 gpm based upon the instantaneous quantity requested in the application.

34 acres of the described lands already have supplemental water rights in the amount of 0.8 acre-feet per acre (see Certificate G4-29472C). This application requests additional water for these acres, and supplemental irrigation water for another 10 acres of orchard.

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The annual quantity authorized is based on the crop type. The applicant has described the crop type on the land as 44 acres of orchard. Based on a supplemental crop duty of 2.0 acre-feet for orchard without existing supplemental rights and 1.2 acre-feet per acre for lands with supplemental rights a total of 60.8 acre-feet per year is authorized under this emergency permit.

A suitable flow meter approved by the Department of Ecology shall be installed and maintained in accordance with WAC 508-64-020 through WAC 508-64-040. (Installation, operation and maintenance requirements attached hereto.)

Whenever water is being diverted, bi-weekly (every two weeks) readings of the flow meter shall be recorded and maintained by the permittee. These readings shall be documented by time, date, withdrawal rate, and the person conducting the measurements. Copies of these records shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology at the end of the 2001 irrigation season.

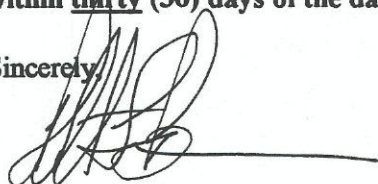
Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions.

Withdrawal of water under this authorization may be limited or otherwise regulated in favor of senior rights.

This drought emergency authorization expires on October 31, 2001

This Order may be appealed pursuant to RCW Chapter 43.21B. The person to whom this Order is issued must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Send the appeal to: Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903. At the same time, a copy of the appeal must be sent to: Department of Ecology, Fiscal Office, P.O. Box 47615, Olympia, Washington 98504-7615. All others receiving notice of this Order must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within thirty (30) days of the date the Order was mailed in the same manner described above.

Sincerely,



Robert F Barwin, Section Manager  
Water Resources Program

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Enclosures: Flow Meter Requirements

cc: Yakama Nation